Gulidjan language

Kolakngat (Kolacgnat, Colac), also known as **Gulidjan** (Coligan, Kolijon, Kolitjon), is an extinct aboriginal language of the Gulidjan people of Australia. It was not closely related to any other.

Kolakngat	
Gulidjan	
Region	Victoria
Ethnicity	Gulidjan, ?Gadubanud
Extinct	after 1839
Language family	Pama–Nyungan ▪ Kulinic ▪ **Kolakngat**
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	*None* (mis)
Glottolog	cola1237 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/cola1237)[1]
AIATSIS[2]	S30 (https://collection.aiatsis.gov.au/austlang/language/S30)

Attestation

The language is first attested in 1839. Though much of the detail and vocabulary has been lost, there is sufficient to confirm that it constituted a separate language. About 100 words have survived. Some analysis suggests it may be a mixed language or creole language having something in common with each of the neighboring languages. Earliest sources refer to the language as *Gulidjan*, although James Dawson favoured *Kolakgnat*, which means 'belonging to sand'.[3]

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